

Scuttlebutt

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What's New At PBCC Libraries

Central Campus.....

Back issues of periodicals on microfiche have arrived and now the library has access to information covered in most of our indexes.

Diane Foote was featured in Technique, the Small Business Development Center newsletter, for her accomplishments in developing the small business library. She continues her effort and interest by spending some time each month in maintaining the library.

Florida college catalogs have been collected and made available to students in the Reserve Section.

Our new copiers have arrived. These are a very welcome addition to our growing list of student services. Best of all, they copy!

Rosemary Lowrey has expanded the handy Ready Reference collection located next to the Reference desk. This gives quick access to frequently asked questions in the fields of business, taxes, telephone numbers and more.

The exhibits throughout the library have continued to be popular with students, faculty, and visitors from the community. Of particular interest was the January photographic exhibit entitled "Images of China". Irving Herman, the photographer, has given several gallery talks about his work.

We're proud! Our own Grants Writer, George Matsoukas, exhibited his art in our gallery during the month of December. His watercolors and oils spanned a major period of his life beginning with a drawing done during elementary school years and continuing on to the present time.

For Valentine's Day, our library had some fun with two activities. A display case entitled "Guess Who Loves you" showed baby pictures of our staff. "For Lovers...of Poetry", an activity coordinated with Dr. Carolyn Martin, creative writing instructor, was organized to enable students and others to share their works in an open poetry reading. This was one of our most successful programs yet.

Our Library has offered to coordinate and support an Earth Day 1990 project. As soon as word got out, students and faculty members contacted us and a preliminary "brain-storming" meeting at the library was quickly and easily organized. Several suggestions for worthwhile activities were offered and the group will meet here again in two weeks to continue planning and organizing.

The Scuttlebutt at Central Campus is that

Joyce and Bill Kruger are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Cheryl and Brian Crowley. February 17 was be the wedding day. The happy occasion made the Krugers instant grandparents with the welcome addition of Brian's children, Mindy and Brian.....

Ruth Triplett spent Thanksgiving in Pittsburgh and (Lucky!) Christmas in Puesta Vailarta. She had a wonderful time and is looking forward to repeating her holiday schedule next year.....

Congratulations to Jane and George Coretti on the marriage of their son, Lucian to Rebecca Davis. The wedding took place in Boynton Beach Congregational Church and a reception followed at the Sand and Sea Club House. Lots of family came down from the north and the Coretti clan had a wonderful time.....

On Dec. 27, 1989, Stacey Copeland, lovely daughter of Carolyn and Charles Copeland, was presented at the Elite Bridge Club's 40th Annual Debutante Ball. Money raised by supporting this annual function is used to generated awards for three scholarships, granted the night of the ball.....

.....Welcome back, Diane! Our work/study student assigned to the Reference Room is back and well again after her unfortunate accident.....

.....Congratulations to Eric and Nancy Newmann on the birth of their daughter, Carlie Hanna. Carlie was born on January 9 and weighed in at 6 pounds. Congratulations to her grandparents, Judy and Irwin, who are already spoiling granddaughter #2.....

Meet the Library Staff.....

BRENDA MCKENZIE - GLADES LLRC

Brenda McKenzie is our library technician in charge of audio visuals. However, as with all of us at Glades LLRC, she does any task that needs doing.

Born, raised and educated in South Bay, Florida, she entered Palm Beach Community College as a student in the fall of 1985. She soon became a student aid in the library. In the spring of 1986, she joined the full time staff when an staff member resigned. She continued her classes on a part time basis and graduated from PBCC in 1989.

As the women behind the camcorder, she films classes for instructors and special events on campus.

Brenda has four children, two girls and two boys. The youngest in Marcus Bernard, born on Nov. 29 of last year. The others are Shajuana, 10; Edward, 9; and Shamekia, 6. When time allows, she enjoys playing tennis, but most of all, she likes to find time to be alone and relax. Her future plans include continuing her education at FAU.

Let's Hear It For The Library!

"Learning to use the Library has been very helpful. I've learned that my mouth can be my greatest tool in the library. When I open it and ask a question, I invariably get the answers I am looking for, and then some. I've found the librarians very helpful and extremely sympathetic.".....
excerpt from a PBCC student's writing assignment.

FROM ART BUCHWALD'S COLUMN, PALM BEACH

POST, JANUARY 16, 1990

Q: Under the harsh Romanian regime of Ceausescu, I failed to return a library book in Bucharest because of the curfew. Before I knew it, I owed \$87. in fines. Am I still responsible for this amount now that Ceausescu has been

shot?

A: People are responsible for overdue library books no matter who is in power. The only way to get out of paying is to go to the nearest Vatican Embassy and ask for asylum.

North Campus.....

KATHY WU TAKES A PRIZE:

Kathy Wu of Gardens AV Department placed 2nd in the "Fantasy Original" category at the Tropicon Art Show. Wu's winner, Moon Dancer, a pen and ink drawing, was one of nine pieces she entered into the show.

Tropicon is an annual science fiction convention for writers and artists, held in Ft. Lauderdale. By the end of the convention, which took place in December, Wu had sold all but two of her entries.

INTRODUCING THE GAZETTE.....

Gladys Dunkle, Director of LLRC, Gardens Campus, announces the publication of a monthly newsletter, The LLRC Gardens Gazette. The Gazette will be circulated to the Gardens campus community and will feature current news of the LLRC, statistic updates and tell of recent book and AV acquisitions. The first issue of the Gazette will be in February.



From the Director's Desk.....

"As we come to see how many sources there are for events, we have less confidence in any one scheme of betterment; but more in what all can do by teamwork in a common spirit."

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES.....

I have been asked to serve on the Palm Beach County Local Arrangements & Planning Committee for the Florida Governor's Conference. The local event, serving as a prelude to the Governor's Conference later on this year, will take place on May 23rd from 4 P.M. - 8 P.M. Local community members, representatives from the State Library and various library staff will all participate. We are currently putting together a plan for this event. If you have

any suggestions for issues or constituencies you would like to see represented please let me know as soon as possible. Also please consider yourself invited. The more the merrier.

After the May 23rd Conference at the Palm Beach County Government Center Delegates will be nominated for the Governor's Conference, delegates from the Governor's Conference are then chosen to go on to the White House Conference next year.

LIBRARY AUTOMATION PROJECT.....

Bids and letters of intent are currently being received for the new state-wide Community College Library Automation system. I have accepted nomination to serve as one of six community college representatives on the Selection Committee for this project. This will probably entail more work than I care to think about right now, but should ultimately, at the very least, keep us informed about decisions being made concerning the system and very possibly help make the system a better match for our needs.

I will also be serving concurrently on the overall Advisory Committee for the project.

As a recap of what the project is about here is a reprint of the General Project Statements that went out to all the vendors that will be bidding on the system.

1.1 GENERAL PROJECT STATEMENT

1.1.1 The Florida Division of Community Colleges intends to acquire an integrated library automation system and related services for the 28 community colleges and their associated 59 libraries for a five-year period. The system must support the functions of cataloging and catalog maintenance, online public access catalog (including Keyword and Boolean search strategies) and circulation control. Other functions considered highly desirable (but not mandatory for this initial procurement) are materials booking and scheduling, acquisitions, serials control and inventory control. These five-year items must become available during the term of the contract. The optional nature for these items is done primarily in recognition of the need for response flexibility in the known library software marketplace. The DCC plans to acquire the most responsive system with the best quality, for the most reasonable cost. Vendor commitment (and capacity) to supply all these items (in the quality and design) which best fit the needs of Florida will figure strongly in the award of the RFP.

1.1.2 These functions are to be supported on a system to located and operated at a central site in Tallahassee. Terminals, barcode readers, printers and telecommunications equipment will be located in each of the libraries.

1.1.3 Telecommunications between central and remote sites will be supported through the Florida Information Resources Network (FIRN). However, the communications equipment to interconnect each library and the central site to a standard FIRN node is also to be an optional part of this procurement.

1.1.4 The 28 community colleges operate 59 libraries. Thirteen of the colleges operate a single library. The other colleges all operate multiple libraries up to a maximum of 5 at Miami-Dade Community College. A list of the colleges and the libraries, their locations and projected local equipment needs is included in Attachment A.

1.1.5 In addition to acquiring the hardware and software necessary to support the mandatory functions and all or some of the highly desirable functions, TCC intends to purchase comprehensive support services needed for installation (not site preparation), database preparation and loading, maintenance of both the hardware and software, training for both system operation and use, documentation for both system operation and use, and supplies needed during operation and use of the system. Many of these items are listed in the "options" pricing and as such are not considered part of the base bid.

1.1.6 Two mandatory custom requirements of the system are the development of a single command union search/display function and an automatic link to the Florida Center for Library Automation's (FCLA) NOTIS system as an entry on the proposed system's main online menu.

SEFLIN UPDATE.....

Last month I attended the SEFLIN (Southeastern Florida Library Information Network) Board of Director's meeting at FAU to discuss our network membership. If all goes according to plan we will become part of the SEFLIN team in March.

Upon formal membership the following services would be immediately available:

SEFLINK - Online Database Access to over 8.5 million volumes

Cooperative Reference and Collection Development - Exchange of information on special collections, specializations, online services and more

Courier Delivery Service - Expedites the delivery materials throughout southeast Florida. In many cases within 48 hours. Will include delivery to all campuses including Belle Glade, Boca Raton and Palm Beach Garden

Union List of Serials - A CD-ROM database will provide access to 23,000 unique serial titles. Currently we have approximately 1,000 Representatives from our Serials and

Cataloging areas have already attended a workshop held in Broward County introducing them to how this system will be implemented.

Professional Development - SEFLIN sponsors and organizes many demonstrations, workshops and opportunities for information sharing.

Overall, membership would greatly expand our institution's ability to quickly access information far beyond our normal capabilities.

Dr. Dyer and I are currently discussing how membership might be funded. I'll keep you posted.

STAFFING FORMULA

Discussion is currently underway with D. Dyer for the development of a District-wide LLRC staffing formula. The formula will be based on the "Washington Formula" but modified for our situation. It will also be seen and discussed by the President's Committee on LLRC's. Speaking of which.....

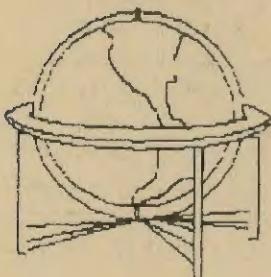
PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON LLRC'S

We are currently gearing up for the district-wide LLRC Committee meeting for this term. If you have any items to be included on the agenda please let us know as soon as possible. Date and time will be announced shortly.

GRANTS

We are happy to announce that the Central LLRC is the proud recipient of two special grants. Carol Blum applied for and received \$500.00 matching grant from Quebec Book Grant.

The State Library is giving us almost \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a facsimile machine.



DEUTSCH- LAND IMPRES- SIONS '89BY ALICE ZACHERL

Germany in autumn is a picturesque kaleidoscope of color and colorful people. The three week trip is fresh in my memory but words are inadequate to truly describe the

fantastic sights, the wonderful friends and the magnificent times we experienced. The itinerary had been planned for months - a week in upper Bavaria, a week on the road in Bavaria and the Black Forest and a week in the Eifel, a region in northern Germany bordering Belgium and France. And yet no amount of planning could have prepared us for those spectacular days and nights from September 16 to October 7, 1989.

It was a holiday unspoiled by crowds, tour buses and routine annoyances. The weather varied from warm to misty, foggy, cloudy, sunny and cold. The food was particularly German and especially good - wursts, hard rolls, warm strudels, potato dumplings in vanilla sauce, Eifel trout, spatzle, kraut, elegant desserts and excellent coffee. The accommodations Inzimmers (bread and breakfast homes) and Gasthauses were clean and meticulously groomed. The people were warm, generous, happy and...more often than not...serious.

Our journey started really in Anbach. I prefer to omit those tiring times at Ft. Lauderdale and Frankfort Airports. Anbach is a medium-sized, bustling city in the district of Franconia, the northern part of the state of Bavaria. By night we relaxed in the cozy quarters of a family stationed at Kotterbach Air Base; by day we explored the city, took long walks to the near-by village, short trips to Nurnburg and the medieval cities of Rothenburg and Dinkelsbuhl. It is as if time stood still in the 16th century in these last two walled cities. Walking the ramparts, seeing the ancient gates and towers, sightseeing along the cobblestone streets and visiting the dark Gothic churches all made the days emorable. The red rooftops accentuated by church spires would be a pleasant recurring scene over the next two weeks.

A day train to Munich on the efficient rail system for Octoberfest '89 was a special treat. After strolling through Munich and joining throngs of people on the Marienplatz for the "glockenspiel" show at eleven, we walked to the Theresiengarten for the festival that ended in a whirl of laughter and lots of "bier" at the Augustiner and Lowenbrau beer halls.

Sunday, September 24th, we got on the road and traveled by car to Bavaria and Innsbruck. Its called the "Romantic Road" in the guide book, and truly it is. A stop in the medieval city of Nordlingen (1185) is a must for all travelers. We pass through the old city gates and because all roads lead to the Gothic cathedral we find ourselves parked in the church-yard, and naturally take lunch at the Cathedral Cafe. The day is crammed with a variety of sights as we leave the rather high rolling countryside of Franconia and pass into the mountainous area of Oberammergau and Garmish with brilliant patches of green, chalets with

flowering wooden balconies, contented brown Swiss cows and quaint villages with houses of painted facades.

Quite quickly the Alps surrounded us as we climbed the terrifying heights, on narrow roads and into the majestic crags. The tree line was below us -- and just as quickly as we began the ascent we descended into Innsbruck. The clouds broke and the sun streaked through to welcome us to Austria. The day in this Tyrolean City was pleasant and rewarding. We bought souvenirs -- an Alpine hat complete with pheasant feathers ad a chamois brush. We visited the Austrian museum and the Renaissance Cathedral with its life-size marble and bronze statues of emperors, princes and princesses.

Driving from Innsbruck to Freiburg took three days, however, it can be done in seven hours. A couple detours and several stops on the Bodensee (Lake Constance to the rest of the world) was well worth the time. We never would have met Karl, a German prisoner of war sent to Seattle in 1944, or known about Landsbeck, the family crest and home at Rohrdorf, or prayed at the Latin Mass in a village church, or toured the old town of Wangen with its gorgeous white and gold city gates, or walked on the flagged and flowered inland of Lindau. The drive was restful through peaceful rural meadows, along the lake and past miles and miles of apple orchards laden with red, yellow and green "obst"...fruit. Then...on a rainy afternoon...we reached the midpoint of the trip.

How do you describe Freiburg! To me it was like meeting an old friend. I had been there in 1976 and in 1980, and memories came floating back as we found our way to the Marketplatz and the famous Freiburg Cathedral with its towering steeple which was built in 1200. We met Antoinette in the evening and spent a delightful time at an old restaurant feasting on trout and other delicacies. The following morning we saw the private school that she owns and directs, the Angel Gymnasium (250 students from the village of Stauffen), nestled in a valley about twenty miles from Freiburg. The quaint town was crested by the ruins of an old fortress that dated 770 A.D. We climbed the steep path through the vineyards to the top, examined the walls and ramparts and was awed by the tranquil panorama below -- all cradled between what appeared to be two mountain ranges.

The afternoon ride through the Black Forest, chauffeured by the governor of the region was even more moving and...in a way...magical. The scenes were unforgettable. The area is generously blessed with its green luxuriant landscape, blue green lakes, small villages and beautiful churches -- a cornucopia of nature that dazzled the sight. That evening also dazzled our taste as we, along with nine others, were treated to an exquisite eight course dinner at a rustic inn in

the Schwartzqald. The venison was superb...so were the wines, the caviar, the mushrooms and the desserts.

Two days later and before heading northward, we followed a friend to Basel, Switzerland, forty miles south for a Cezanne exhibition. We found a very interesting city and a unique gallery. At noon we departed for the Eifelhills via Strasbourg, France. We passed fertile vineyards, undulating fields of corn and sugarbeets, and harvesters making neat paths in the strips of land. Fields were perfectly plowed and amazingly smooth. The leaves were changing...bright red, soft yellow and orange, and all shades of green. As we wound our way on and off the autobahn, we were always surrounded by mountains in the mist. Now and again we would edge up and down a scenic mountain. In the late afternoon we stopped in a village and accidentally became a part of a small festival celebrating their kind of Thanksgiving. We enjoyed Bitburg Pils, roast pig, sauerkraut and potatoes. Much later that night we found my friend Monika's family home where we would stay for the remainder of the vacation.

The final week we were housed most comfortably in a large apartment in the very small village of Weinsheim. Beautiful acquaintances gave of their time and efforts to show us the cities of Prum, Trier, Bitburg, Aachen and the vicinity. Trier is the oldest city in Germany and with a history alive in Roman antiquity. It was occupied by Caesar 35 years before Christ. We walked beside the graceful Mosel river, entered the "Centrum" by the massive Porta Nigra gate built by the Romans, explored the old city and the "Dom", the cathedral built in the Middle Ages, and perused the remains of the Roman baths. Later we visited Bitburg, a city of 4,000 residents, 10,000 American soldiers, and a small military cemetery -- high on a hill --made famous by Reagan. AAchen is a large city made famous by Charlemagne (300 A.D.) with a cathedral that has glorious stained glass windows at least 60 feet high. Smaller towns of Gerolstein, Monshau, and Prum were equally captivating and we spent time in all of them. We saw deep mirrored volcanic lakes, walked castle grounds, climbed castle walls and sailed the Rhine collecting memories that will stay forever with me. We ate and drank --to the fullest -- and in the end we visited six countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium and Luxemburg), and not one is noted in my passport.

Alas, it was not the trip of a lifetime because there will be another one. I will return to the Deutschland.